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REF STATE 178800, AUGUST 15, 1974

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE 11 FROM MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY SULTAN TO AMBASSADOR. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE-YOUR EXCELLENCY,
DURING MY VISIT TO THE USA IN JUNE 1974 TO SIGN THE NUCLEAR ENRICHMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR OUR FIRST NUCLEAR POWER STATION, I SENT TWO LETTERS, THE FIRST ONE TO MR. ALFRED ATHERTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND SECOND ONE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, I ENCLOSE HERewith A COPY OF EACH OF THESE LETTERS, IN WHICH ARE REQUESTED THAT THE USA GOVERNMENT WILL PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY REGARDING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF CLEAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION FOR EXCAVATING THE REQUIRED CANAL BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE BRIM OF THE QATTARA DEPRESSION WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 70 KM LONG.

SINCE THE OFFICE SUPPORT OF THE USA IS SOUGHT, FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS STUDY, I AM APPROACHING YOU IN ORDER THAT YOU WOULD CONTACT YOUR GOVERNMENT TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF THE STUDY AND REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT TO NOMINATE AN EXPERT IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADVISERS OF THE QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT.

TRUSTING THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR FULL CONSIDERATION AND OFFER US ALL THE POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PROJECT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
AHMED SULTAN ISMAIL (SIGNED)
MINISTER FOR ELECTRIC POWER-UNQUOTE.

2. SUBJECT OF US PARTICIPATION IN QATTARA PROJECT HAS NOT ARISEN OFFICIALLY SINCE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED REFTEL. ON MAY 7, PRESIDENT SADAT REFOCUSED ATTENTION ON PROJECT BY INSTRUCTING THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED
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IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS INSTEAD OF THREE YEARS, AS ORIGINALLY DECIDED. ON THAT OCCASION, HE DESCRIBED IT AS SECOND HIGHEST PRIORITY OF EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION AFTER HIGH DAM.

3. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY TO SULTAN'S LETTER
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